

Avoiding Sentence Fragments

A. Directions: Some of the following items about weather forecasting are fragments. Identify each fragment. Then correct it in the space provided. If an item is a complete sentence, write *S*.

1. Changes in the weather regularly.

2. Can affect sailors, farmers, and travelers.

3. For centuries, people have tried to predict weather changes.

4. Many techniques for forecasting the weather.

5. Make forecasts based on sensory observations and experience.

6. That professional weather forecasters are not always accurate.

7. Wind, temperature, humidity, cloudiness, and precipitation are elements of weather forecast.

8. That small changes in the air affect plants and animals.

9. Closely observing the appearance of plants and the behavior of animals can help people predict weather changes.

10. Have passed forecasting methods down from generation to generation.

PRACTICE WORKSHEET B, CONTINUED

B. Directions: Use the sentence fragments below to write a coherent paragraph. Make sure all sentences contain a subject and a predicate. Each sentence should also express a complete thought.

- a. The chirping of grasshoppers a sign of weather changes.
- b. Grows increasingly loud as the temperature rises.
- c. Is not actually a song.
- d. Instead, the sound of the insects' legs rubbing against their front wings.
- e. Because wide-open or closed petals of morning glories signal weather changes.

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